

# Exhibit 15

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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ROBIN JOACHIM DARTELL,  
Plaintiff,

-against- Civil Action  
Docket No.  
14-CV-3620

TIBET PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ET AL  
Defendants.

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Deposition of HAYDEN ZOU, taken  
pursuant to notice, was held at the law  
offices of SHER TREMONTE, LLP, 80 Broad  
Street, New York, New York, commencing  
April 19, 2016, 9:30 a.m., on the above  
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of New York.

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1 H. Zou

2 Q. Just a general idea of your best  
3 recollection of how you came to learn of  
4 Tibet?

5 A. Maybe it's from a party or  
6 something like that.

7 Q. So you possibly met Hong Yu through  
8 a party and how did you become involved in  
9 Tibet?

10 A. Because the company wanted to get  
11 listed in the United States and in order for  
12 them to get listed to sell shares in United  
13 States, they need someone like me which is  
14 nonChina citizen, I am not a Chinese citizen,  
15 I am a U.S. citizen, to do the corporate  
16 structure for them, to incorporate company  
17 for them.

18 Q. So someone, or Hong Yu possibly,  
19 approached you to help them get listed in the  
20 United States?

21 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

22 A. Asked me to do the outside China  
23 corporate structure, to do the incorporation  
24 for them.

25 Q. And how would you, what would make

1 H. Zou

2 you qualify to incorporate a company?

3 A. It doesn't need a qualification to  
4 do incorporation.

5 Q. How do you go about incorporating a  
6 company?

7 A. Just go and you incorporate, it's  
8 just like if you want to register a  
9 corporation, you just register.

10 Q. You just register with who?

11 A. With an agent.

12 Q. And how did you learn about doing  
13 that, what prior experience do you have or  
14 did you have that educated you about how to  
15 incorporate a company?

16 A. I just learned myself.

17 Q. How did you learn it yourself?

18 A. You just learn.

19 Q. Did you read books?

20 A. I don't know. I may did my own  
21 research.

22 Q. Had you previously incorporated any  
23 other companies?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. What companies?

1 H. Zou

2 about Tibet?

3 A. No.

4 Q. When you became interested in  
5 investing in Tibet, what follow-up research  
6 did you do, did you visit Tibet's factories.

7 A. Yes, I visit Tibet factory.

8 Q. Approximately what year was that?

9 A. 2009 maybe, 2010.

10 Q. What did you see at Tibet's  
11 factories; what did it look like?

12 A. Good and modern factory.

13 Q. What other companies were you, if  
14 any, were you an early investor in?

15 A. Could you --

16 Q. What other companies -- you  
17 invested, you put your own money in Tibet,  
18 are there any other companies that you put  
19 your money in early on?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What companies, if you recall?

22 A. There is another company I invested  
23 in that's called China Customer Relation  
24 Centers.

25 Q. Is that a U.S. publicly traded

1 H. Zou

2 company?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Is that company still around?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. How is it doing?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. I'm going to show you?

9 (Zou Exhibit 1, Complaint, marked  
10 for identification.)

11 Q. So are you familiar with this  
12 document?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I'm looking at paragraph 26 which  
15 is on page 7. It lists, Defendant Taylor  
16 Guo, has served as Tibet's chief executive  
17 officer and director since 2010.

18 What was your relationship with  
19 Taylor Guo?

20 A. I met him and I deal with him when  
21 the company was in the process of  
22 registration.

23 Q. How many times did you meet him,  
24 approximately?

25 A. Less than five times.

1 H. Zou

2 Q. Did you speak with him frequently?

3 A. Infrequently. If he needs me  
4 something.

5 Q. When was the last time you spoke  
6 with him?

7 A. 2011, 2012.

8 Q. Does he live in China?

9 A. I believe so.

10 Q. Do you know if he has any  
11 residences in the United States?

12 A. I don't know.

13 Q. Does he know what happened to the  
14 money from the IPO?

15 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

16 A. I really don't know about what he  
17 knows.

18 Q. Do you think he knows what might  
19 have happened to the IPO proceeds?

20 MR. GUNNELL: Objection. Calls for  
21 speculation.

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. I'm looking at paragraph 27. It  
24 lists, Defendant Hong Yu, Hong Yu has been  
25 Tibet's chairman of the board of directors

1 H. Zou

2 since April 2010.

3 What was your relationship with  
4 Hong Yu?

5 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

6 A. No relationship.

7 Q. But you stated before that you met  
8 him?

9 A. Yeah, I met him.

10 Q. Do you know if he knows what  
11 happened to the IPO proceeds?

12 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

13 A. Supposedly.

14 Q. He supposedly knows.

15 A. He is the chairman, right.

16 Q. Is that your basis for thinking  
17 that he knows?

18 A. I don't put assumptions, so I  
19 couldn't tell.

20 Q. Do you know why he resigned?

21 A. I didn't know he resigned. Did he?

22 Q. Yes. But you didn't know?

23 A. I didn't know.

24 Q. And paragraph 28 lists, Sabrina Ren  
25 who says she served as Tibet's chief



1 H. Zou

2 financial officer since 2010.

3 What, if any, was your relationship  
4 with Sabrina Ren?

5 A. No relationship.

6 Q. Did you ever meet her?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you ever speak with her?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Did you ever email with her?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. Paragraph 29 lists, Wenbo Chen, who  
13 served as Tibet director since April 2010.

14 Did you have any relationship with  
15 Wenbo Chen?

16 A. No relationship.

17 Q. Did you ever meet him?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you ever speak with him?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you ever correspond with him  
22 via email?

23 A. No, I don't believe so.

24 Q. And paragraph 30, Defendant Youhang  
25 Peng served as a Tibet director since April

1 H. Zou

2 with Tibet, did you speak with him?

3 A. No.

4 Q. You didn't correspond with him via  
5 email?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Were you aware that he was on the  
8 board of Tibet?

9 A. Yeah, I found out.

10 Q. Paragraph 31, Solomon Chen, he  
11 served as a Tibet director since April 2010.

12 Do you have any relationship with  
13 Solomon Chen?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Ever meet him?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you ever speak with him?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you ever correspond with him  
20 via email?

21 A. No.

22 Q. So if you can mark this exhibit Zou  
23 Exhibit 2?

24 (Zou Exhibit 2, Responses and  
25 objections to plaintiffs' first set of

1 H. Zou

2 interrogatories, marked for  
3 identification.)

4 Q. Are you familiar with this  
5 document?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. And these are your responses and  
8 objections to plaintiffs first set of  
9 interrogatories to defendant Hayden Zou.  
10 Did you help prepare this document?

11 A. I provided the information.

12 Q. What was your role in the offering,  
13 the Tibet offering?

14 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

15 A. I was the incorporator for the  
16 whole structure, for any corporation outside  
17 of China, I was the incorporator.

18 Q. So you were the incorporator.

19 Aside from just doing the actual  
20 incorporation, what role did you have in  
21 listing it?

22 A. I was also liaison, which means if  
23 they need communication, sometimes, you know,  
24 I deliver the communication to both side.

25 Q. Did you review the IPO prospectus

1 H. Zou

2 before it was filed?

3 A. No, that's not my expertise.

4 Q. Did you do any due diligence in  
5 connection with the IPO?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Looking at page 7, the  
8 interrogatory No. 6. It says, Describe your  
9 role and responsibilities in connection with  
10 Tibet's IPO. And then on the next page, in  
11 the third paragraph you say, Subject to and  
12 without waiving the foregoing specific  
13 objections and general objections Zou states  
14 that he was to the a member of Tibet's board  
15 of directors, did not any role in preparing  
16 or disseminating any material documents or  
17 information in connection with Tibet's IPO  
18 and did not have the opportunity to influence  
19 Tibet's board of directors.

20 Is that a true statement?

21 A. Yes, that's a true statement.

22 Q. Interrogatory 7 on page 8, it says,  
23 Describe your role and responsibilities on  
24 Tibet's board of directors and then in the  
25 third paragraph in your response you say,

1 H. Zou

2 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing  
3 specific objections and general objections,  
4 Zou states he was not a member of Tibet's  
5 board of directors, never attended a meeting  
6 of Tibet's board of directors, never voted or  
7 otherwise participated in or is even aware of  
8 any action taken by Tibet's board of  
9 directors.

10 Did you believe that's a true  
11 statement?

12 A. Yes, it's a true statement.

13 (Zou Exhibit 3, Prospectus, marked  
14 for identification.)

15 Q. This is a copy of Tibet's IPO  
16 prospectus.

17 If you take a look at page, there  
18 is a blank page marked 35. Under the heading  
19 table of contents, it says, We will have an  
20 ongoing relationship with our placement agent  
21 that may impact our shareholders ability --  
22 that may impact our shareholders ability to  
23 impact decisions related to our operations.

24 MR. GUNNELL: I think we are  
25 looking in the wrong spot.

1 H. Zou

2 prospectus?

3 A. It's normally 100, 200 pages  
4 prospectus, so normally I don't read it.

5 Q. And did you know that your name was  
6 in the prospectus?

7 A. Yes, for being an observer, I must  
8 know my name is there.

9 Q. What does an observer do?

10 A. I really don't have any idea. It's  
11 just observing the board.

12 Q. But it says that you can exert  
13 significant influence over the board?

14 A. I mean, what influence can an  
15 observer give to the board, you are just an  
16 observer. You held no voting rights, you  
17 cannot vote, you cannot veto, so it's just an  
18 observer.

19 Q. Why was McCarthy Downs designated  
20 as an observer?

21 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

22 A. I don't have any idea.

23 Q. And did Tibet's board members speak  
24 with you about being designated as an  
25 observer?

1 H. Zou

2 A. No.

3 Q. Prior to the IPO, did you have any  
4 conversations with Tibet's CEO and other  
5 board members?

6 MR. GUNNELL: Objection. Compound  
7 question.

8 Q. Did you have any conversations with  
9 the CEO prior to the IPO?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What was discussed during those  
12 conversations?

13 A. I don't remember, I don't recall.

14 Q. So you helped incorporate this  
15 company but you didn't know that you would  
16 have any responsibilities in connection with  
17 the IPO?

18 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

19 A. I always believe I had no  
20 responsibilities to the IPO.

21 Q. So if these observers couldn't  
22 vote, what was the purpose of having the  
23 observers?

24 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

25 A. I have no idea.

1 H. Zou

2 Q. It says that you are able to  
3 influence matters that are submitted to the  
4 board of directors.

5 What matters did you influence?

6 A. I never seen -- I have never seen  
7 any matters shown to me so I don't know if  
8 there is any matter submitted to the board or  
9 not.

10 Q. So do you know if Tibet had any  
11 board meetings?

12 A. I don't remember if they have any  
13 meeting.

14 Q. Did you find it strange that Tibet  
15 didn't have any board meetings?

16 A. I don't know. It's their business  
17 decision, it's not mine.

18 Q. So you invested money in this  
19 company and you weren't concerned about the  
20 board's behavior and operations?

21 A. Of course you invest your own  
22 money, you are concerned, that's true, you  
23 are concerned, but board meeting, I don't  
24 know, is that going to make a difference.

25 Q. So you think that a public company



1 H. Zou

2 that runs without having any board meetings,  
3 that's not something that concerns you, as  
4 somebody experienced in equities as you  
5 testified, and investing?

6 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

7 A. I just didn't follow that closely,  
8 where I never pay attention to them whether  
9 they have a board meeting or not.

10 Q. How much money did you invest in  
11 Tibet, I know it's in the prospectus?

12 A. We invest close to 200,000.

13 Q. And you invested that money with  
14 Philip Zou, correct?

15 A. I'm just talking about my part.

16 Q. Did Tian Li have board meetings?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. Were you an observer to the board  
19 of Tian Li?

20 A. Yes, if I don't remember wrong, I  
21 was there.

22 Q. What did you do as an observer to  
23 Tian Li's board?

24 A. Didn't do nothing.

25 Q. Did you attend any board meetings?

1 H. Zou

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you think that U.S. investors  
4 would be more likely to invest in a company  
5 that had someone like McCarthy Downs as an  
6 observer on the board?

7 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. But you wanted this IPO to be  
10 successful, correct?

11 A. Well, I invest my money, so of  
12 course.

13 Q. Who decided you should be  
14 reimbursed \$12,000 annually for your service  
15 on the board?

16 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

17 A. I have no idea. I didn't  
18 participate in the decision.

19 Q. Do you know why this amount was the  
20 same as directors would be reimbursed if you  
21 were just an observer?

22 A. No, I really never pay attention to  
23 it.

24 Q. Were you concerned that your role  
25 as an observer could subject you to the same

1 H. Zou

2 liability as a director?

3 MR. GUNNELL: Objection. Calls for  
4 a legal conclusion.

5 A. I just didn't know the liability of  
6 being an officer, otherwise I won't either, I  
7 won't allow to put my name there.

8 Q. Were you paid anything in  
9 connection with being an observer?

10 A. No.

11 Q. You were never compensated?

12 A. I never receive compensation.

13 Q. Did you ever resign from the board  
14 as an observer?

15 A. No, I didn't know I need to resign.

16 Q. So you never resigned?

17 A. Yeah, I didn't know I need to  
18 resign from as an observer.

19 Q. Do you know if McCarthy Downs ever  
20 resigned?

21 A. I don't know either.

22 Q. Do you know who Brad Hanenberg is?

23 A. Yes, he is attorney from Kaufman &  
24 Canoles.

25 Q. Who is Kaufman & Canoles?

1 H. Zou

2 Q. What did Philip do in connection  
3 with the incorporation?

4 A. Nothing.

5 Q. Are you the owner of RMCC?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you know what services RMCC  
8 provided to Fulcan Investments?

9 A. I don't recall.

10 Q. Do you know what RMCC is?

11 A. I don't.

12 Q. Do you know who owns RMCC?

13 A. I know the person but I couldn't  
14 remember his name. I know the person.

15 Q. Do you know who he works for; does  
16 he work for Tibet?

17 A. No. I'm not sure if he is working  
18 for Tibet. I don't think so.

19 Q. Does he work for Anderson &  
20 Strudwick?

21 A. No, it's right out of my mouth.

22 Q. I will just ask another couple of  
23 questions and then we will take a five-minute  
24 break to patch everyone in.

25 What happened to the 424,375 shares

1 H. Zou

2 of Tibet stock that were held by you and your  
3 brother in Fulcan?

4 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

5 A. What happened?

6 Q. Were they sold?

7 A. We bought these shares at some cost  
8 and yes we sold them.

9 Q. When did you sell them?

10 A. I don't remember when I sold them,  
11 maybe somewhere 2012.

12 Q. You took a loss for those shares?

13 A. Yes, I took a loss, yeah.

14 Q. We can take a break.

15 (Recess.)

16 Q. So this is 4?

17 (Zou Exhibit 4, Email, marked for  
18 identification.)

19 MR. McDUNNA: Patrick McDunna, the  
20 law firm of LeClair Ryan representing L.  
21 McCarthy Downs.

22 Q. This exhibit is Bates marked  
23 D002228 and this was produced by McCarthy  
24 Downs.

25 Mr. Zou, this email is from Mac

1 H. Zou

2 document with this version which corrects the  
3 company's address in the wire instruction for  
4 for the issuer with the proper address in  
5 Shanghai. Taylor, please sign and scan the  
6 expense breakdown sent earlier and the  
7 amended instruction for the escrow agent.  
8 Kindly rescan the entire document and return  
9 via email.

10 Why is McCarthy Downs sending you  
11 the escrow instructions for the IPO money?

12 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

13 A. I really don't know.

14 Q. And this email is sent to you and  
15 only you and the other people on it are cc'd,  
16 is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Sitting here today, you do not know  
19 why you were sent the escrow instructions?

20 A. Like I mentioned earlier, I had  
21 very limited role in this IPO and sometimes,  
22 from what I'm looking, I'm what they call,  
23 the liaison between the company and the  
24 underwriters, so that might be the reason.

25 Q. Did you have authority to sign for

1 H. Zou

2 Taylor Guo?

3 A. No.

4 Q. So you're saying you only acted as  
5 a liaison?

6 A. Yes.

7 (Zou Exhibit 8, Email, marked for  
8 identification.)

9 MR. GUNNELL: I would like to note  
10 for the record the document says page 1  
11 of 4 at the top and I've only been  
12 handed one page.

13 MS. FUKS: It's a portion in the  
14 email string. You guys all received Mr.  
15 Down's production so it's in the  
16 production.

17 MR. GUNNELL: It's just not the  
18 complete document.

19 Q. I'm looking at the email from  
20 Darren Minton dated January 20, 2011 to Mac  
21 Downs, BHanenberg, Shangrilapharm and  
22 AJCervantes, Peter Visalli and Hayden Zou and  
23 it says -- first of all, do you know who  
24 Darren Minton is?

25 A. Yeah, I think he is investor

1 H. Zou

2 around, these pages are Bates numbered  
3 D000500 through D 000504. Pages 1 through 5  
4 of an email chain and if you look at page 4,  
5 it's emailed from you, Hayden Zou sent  
6 Thursday August 12, 2010 to Bei Wang copying  
7 antonSV@aol, Christopher J. Mugel,  
8 Shangrilapharm, Anthony Basch, Zachary Ring.  
9 It says, Answers to SEC comment No. 2. Bei  
10 and Dave, Please see attached file for  
11 answers to SEC comment. If you agree with  
12 the answers and no further revisions needed,  
13 please issue us your consent letter to issue  
14 with the SEC. It's signed Hayden Zou, CFA.

15 Are you a CFA?

16 A. After I left my actuarial science  
17 studies, I went ahead to get my CFA.

18 Q. Where did you get your CFA from?

19 A. In the U.S.

20 Q. What school?

21 A. It doesn't require school. It's  
22 just passing three exams.

23 Q. You studied for the exam?

24 A. Each year, you can only take one  
25 exam and if you pass the first one, then you



1 H. Zou

2 go for the second one, if you pass the second  
3 one, you go for the third one, so it takes at  
4 least three years to get.

5 Q. Did you study for those exams  
6 yourself?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Were you involved in Tibet's SEC  
9 filing?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Do you know what this email is?

12 A. I don't remember but it seems just  
13 in passing along what ever I received to give  
14 to their attorney, or to give the attorney,  
15 yeah.

16 Q. On the first page of this you wrote  
17 to Chris, It's all being clearly understood  
18 that Mr. Yu and the two shareholders of YSTP  
19 own all the voting and investment rights of  
20 YSTP.

21 Who are the other two shareholders  
22 of YSTP?

23 A. I really don't know.

24 Q. Are you one of them?

25 A. No, I'm not.

1 H. Zou

2 I did, my job was incorporator, after I  
3 finish, I need to get my name removed.

4 Q. So your name was never removed?

5 A. Yeah, only BVI corporation  
6 successful remove.

7 Q. And these are China Tibetan  
8 statements from January 2011 through August  
9 2014.

10 When was this bank account opened?

11 A. I don't recall. Maybe sometime in  
12 2000.

13 Q. Who opened it?

14 A. I opened it.

15 Q. Why did you open it?

16 A. In order to complete the  
17 restructure of the Chinese company to get  
18 listed in the U.S., I had to do the  
19 incorporation, I had to open bank accounts.

20 Q. Where did the money in this account  
21 come from?

22 MR. GUNNELL: Objection to form.

23 A. I really have no idea.

24 Q. So you controlled this bank account  
25 and you don't know where the money came from?

1 H. Zou

2 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

3 A. I never in control of this bank  
4 account because there are people from the  
5 company, they are overseeing the bank  
6 account, they had access and control of the  
7 bank account.

8 Q. People from Tibet are overseeing  
9 this bank account?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who?

12 A. The CEO, Taylor Guo, he was one of  
13 them and there is another one, the company's  
14 cashier or whatever you call it.

15 Q. You can also access this account?

16 A. I don't have access to this  
17 account.

18 Q. So how did you get these documents?

19 A. Because my name was there, still  
20 there, so I was sending request letters.

21 Q. So because your name was on this  
22 account, you sent a letter request for the  
23 statements?

24 A. I wasn't sure, I sent letter or I  
25 just walk in there. I probably just walk in

1 H. Zou

2 there and I went to Hong Kong myself to ask  
3 for the documents.

4 Q. So what would happen if you tried  
5 to withdraw money from this account?

6 A. Yeah, but I didn't withdraw  
7 anything. I didn't transfer in, transfer out  
8 anything.

9 Q. What would happen if you tried to;  
10 would you have the ability to since your name  
11 is on it?

12 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

13 A. I don't know, I really don't know.

14 Q. This account shows an opening  
15 balance on February 12, 2011 which is at page  
16 3. Total value of investment services  
17 \$32,614,233.79. That's also net position.

18 What does this balance reflect?

19 MR. GUNNELL: Objection.

20 A. I don't have any idea.

21 Q. Then it looks like on August 13,  
22 2014 which is at page 85, it says the net  
23 position is 14,733.51.

24 So where was all the money in this  
25 account moved to?

1 H. Zou

2 years, so maybe sometime in 2012.

3 Q. Did you speak to him after this  
4 case was filed?

5 A. I don't remember I speak to him. I  
6 think no, I didn't speak to him.

7 Q. Did you hear about the \$3  
8 management buyout offer that's referred to in  
9 this press release?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What was your reaction when you  
12 heard about it?

13 A. It's good.

14 Q. So you didn't have any reason to  
15 doubt it?

16 A. I don't, I do not.

17 Q. Do you know if anybody checked the  
18 court websites in China to see if there were  
19 any actions pending against Tibet?

20 A. No, I'm not aware of any, whether  
21 in China or not, but I assume the auditor and  
22 the lawyer checked them.

23 Q. So you sold your stock in Tibet in  
24 2012.

25 What was your overall impression

1 H. Zou

2 about what happened with Tibet?

3 A. Not happy.

4 Q. Did you do anything to try to get  
5 anymore answers about what happened, besides  
6 call Hong Yu?

7 A. The place I can get answers from  
8 the internet similar to other investors.

9 Q. So you looked on the internet for  
10 answers?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. What did you find on the internet?

13 A. There is accusation about fraud,  
14 there is a positive words about it going  
15 private.

16 Q. Did you try to contact anyone else  
17 from Tibet, any of these people on the  
18 members of the board of directors?

19 A. I tried to reach out to Taylor Guo  
20 which was the CEO of the company.

21 Q. Did you try to look for his address  
22 in China?

23 A. I tried.

24 Q. What happened, could you find it?


25 A. No.





1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPONENT

2 I, MATTHEW ZON, do  
3 hereby certify that I have read the  
4 foregoing pages, 1 - PGS, and that the  
5 same is a correct transcription of the  
6 answers given by me to the questions  
7 therein propounded, except for the  
8 corrections or changes in form or  
9 substance, if any, noted in the attached  
10 Errata Sheet.

11  6/3/2016  
12 WITNESS NAME DATE

13 Subscribed and sworn  
14 to before me this  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

16 My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

17 \_\_\_\_\_  
18 Notary Public